

# Sermon discussion questions

**SERMON TITLE:** Transformed- Pt. 2

**SPEAKER:** Pastor Steve Milazzo

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**KEY SCRIPTURE:** 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 &  
Genesis 32:22-28

## 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

## Genesis 32:22-28

<sup>22</sup> That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. <sup>24</sup> So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. <sup>26</sup> Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

## OPENING QUESTIONS:

- What are you celebrating in your life this week? (What are you thankful for?)
- What's challenging you this week? (What do you need prayer for?)

**SCRIPTURE:** Read the scripture out loud.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why should change be an important aspect of the lives of all believers?

How is the story of Jacob a model for why transformation is important?

Pastor shared that Esau was carnal. Why is it problematic to be led by natural (carnal) desires?

God has called believers to be holy; how can we live our life God's way?

Why does God use isolation, brokenness, and difficult moments as opportunities to connect with us?

- How can prayer be used to generate meaningful change in your life?
- How can you learn to pray effective prayers for yourself and others?

**PRAYER:** Take time to pray for one another. Pray for the comfort of knowing God is with us in our difficult times. May we surrender our bad habits and exchange them for Godliness. May we make prayer and time spent in God's word a priority in our lives.